

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 587

By Gresham

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Amanda Kay Gatewood,  
2005 Salutatorian of Middleton High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Amanda Kay Gatewood is one such exceptional student who was recently named Salutatorian of the 2005 graduating class at Middleton High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Ms. Gatewood has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Amanda Gatewood has earned an exemplary 3.9759 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, in addition to distinguishing herself as a stellar scholar, Amanda Gatewood is a valuable member of the Beta Club, DECA, and the yearbook staff; and

WHEREAS, renowned for her affinity for hard work and her tremendous self-discipline, Amanda captured first place in Regional DECA Competition during both her junior and senior years and won the DECA State Competition during her senior year; she has also attended the International DECA Conference; and

WHEREAS, she has provided astute and inspired leadership as Junior Class President; President of the Junior Beta Club, Spanish Club, and DECA Club; Co-Captain of the Middleton High School Dance Team; Secretary of the Senior Beta Club; and President of the Explorers Club; and

WHEREAS, this exceptional young woman has earned numerous accolades during her high school career, including selection as an All-American Scholar in Spanish, Geometry, History, Government, Journalism, Science, and English and to *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, the National Society of High School Scholars, and the National Honor Roll; and

WHEREAS, a valuable participant in her school's activities and her community's affairs, Amanda has received a multitude of academic awards, including the Overall Marketing Award, Overall Science Award, Processing Award, English II Award, Biology Award, Geometry Award, Spanish II Award, Marketing I and II Awards, Yearbook Award, Anatomy and Physiology Award, United States Achievement Academy Award for English, History, and Government, American Character and Citizenship Award, and the United States Achievement Academy National English Merit Award; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Gatewood's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her success in college this fall and throughout life; this gifted student has received the Dean's Scholarship and the Salutatorian Scholarship from the University of Tennessee at Martin and has also received a Lottery Scholarship; and

WHEREAS, Amanda will first attend Jackson State Community College and then the University of Tennessee at Martin, where she plans to major in nursing; and

WHEREAS, evidencing a strong commitment to public service and good citizenship at an early age, Ms. Gatewood volunteers her time and considerable talents in support of several worthy charitable and civic causes; and

WHEREAS, her noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Dale and Sheila Dixon and Larry and Tammy Gatewood, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Amanda Kay Gatewood's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that Amanda Kay Gatewood, 2005 Middleton High School Salutatorian, is

hereby honored and commended on her impressive academic achievement. We extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.